

State Police Investigating Fatal Crash – Claymont

Claymont- The Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal crash that occurred early this morning.

The incident occurred on August 3, 2020, at approximately 1:43 a.m., when a 2008 Black Chevrolet Suburban was southbound on Interstate 95 south of Harvey Rd. For unknown reasons, the operator/victim stopped in the right lane of travel, exited his vehicle, and stood outside the driver side door. A 2015 U-Haul Moving Truck was also traveling Southbound I-95, just south of Harvey Rd in the right lane. As the U-Haul truck approached the stopped vehicle in the right lane, the operator attempted to maneuver to the left lane to avoid the collision. At the same time, the front right of the U-Haul struck the driver's side of the SUV including the victim who was standing in the right lane.

The operator/victim of the Suburban, a 39-year-old male from Wilmington, DE, was pronounced deceased at the collision scene. His name is being withheld at this time pending the notification of next of kin.

After the initial impact, the U-Haul truck continued out of control in the left lane before the vehicle overturned and came to rest across both southbound lanes. Southbound I-95 was closed for approximately 4.5 hours while the accident was investigated and cleared.

The operator of the U-Haul truck, a 37 year old male from Philadelphia, was properly restrained and treated at a local area hospital for non-life threatening injuries. The front passenger, a 34 year-old male from Philadelphia, was not properly restrained and also received medical treatment for non-life threatening injuries.

The crash continues to remain under investigation by the Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@state.de.us.

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